

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, January 24, 2008
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2007**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**
- VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. ELECTIONS

Background: The Sister City Commission by-laws indicates that the Chair and Vice Chair should be elected annually at the first meeting of the year,

Recommendation: Conduct elections for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

2. TAIWAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Background: At the September 2007 meeting, it was the consensus of the Commission to investigate the potential for a sister city relationship with a city in Taiwan. Commissioner Wan volunteered to investigate the possibility.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Commissioner Wan.

IX. Old Business

3. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: Huizhou sent a four-member official delegation to visit Milpitas on December 12. A student delegation (nine students and three adults) is currently visiting Milpitas. They arrived Sunday, January 20 and will leave Saturday, January 26. The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Huizhou runs through November 2008. Lead Commissioner: Chair Grilli.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from lead Chair Grilli.

4. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: No visits between Dagupan and Milpitas are currently scheduled. The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Huizhou runs through June 2009. The current Lead Commissioners: Chair Grilli and Commissioner Dugdale.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Chair Grilli and Commissioner Dugdale.

5. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background: Applications for host families and exchange students are being accepted. No visit date has been set. The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Tsukuba runs through December 2008. Lead Commissioner: Vice Chair Arthur.

Recommendation: Receive status report from Vice Chair Arthur.

6. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Background: Commissioner Arefi is continuing research on the potential for a western European sister city.

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arefi.

7. STUDENT PARTICIPATION IDEAS

Background: Continue discussion about ideas to generate more student participation in Sister City visits. At the last meeting, staff was asked to investigate potential web-based methods of outreach to students.

Recommendation: Receive report from staff.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

X. SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

Xi. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
2. Western European Sister City Research
3. Student Participation Ideas

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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